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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HIRAYAMA ET AL.

Examiner

Robert M. Kunemund

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-10 and 12-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 5-9 and 12-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3 and 10 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeuchi et al (5,389,571) in view of Nishizawa et al. (5,338,389).

The Takeuchi et al reference teaches a light-emitting device. The device is a layer structure made by deposition techniques. The emitting layer contains a dopant and is a Group III-V compound semiconductor. The device is also an ultraviolet emitter, note, and cols. 5 and 6. The difference between the instant claims and the prior art is the method used to create the device. However, the Nishizawa et al reference teaches the use of pulse chemical vapor deposition. Each element of the semiconductor is feed to the chamber separately and at a predetermined sequence, note, col3. The gases, which are feed, are sources for III, V and dopant elements. The sources can be metal

organic compounds such as TMGa, TMAI, Cp Mg, note col. 4. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the Takeuchi et al device by the teachings of the Nishizawa et al reference to grow by pulse deposition in order to increase the control over the layer composition and thickness.

Claims 7, 8, and 11 to 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeuchi et al (5,389,571) in view of Nishizawa et al. (5,338,389).

The Takeuchi et al and Nishizawa et al references are relied on for the same reasons as stated, supra, and differ from the instant claims in the second dopant. However, the Nishizawa et al reference teaches the use of two dopants, Mg and Si, note col. 4. The dopant sequence in the process can also be varied. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the Takeuchi et al device by the teachings of the Nishizawa et al reference to use two dopants in order to create the desired properties in the final device layer.

Claims 3 and 10 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Response to Applicants' Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed April 10, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not

persuasive.

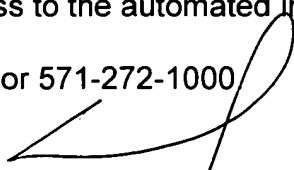
Applicants' argument concerning the deep ultraviolet is noted. However, the reference does teach ultraviolet range. It has not been shown that deep ultraviolet would not be considered by one of ordinary skill in the art to not be part of the ultraviolet range.

Applicants' argument concerning the aluminum content has been considered and not deemed persuasive. The references are not limited in scope as argued by applicants. A statement in the specification does not limit the cited prior art of record to ranges outside the newly claimed range.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert M. Kunemund whose telephone number is 571-272-1464. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra Gupta can be reached on 571-272-1312. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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